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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

The remarks below are submitted in response to the final Office Action dated October 8, 2003 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal is submitted concurrently herewith.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 3, 1999 with claims 1-46. The present application claims priority to a provisional application filed April 29, 1999.

Claims 1-46 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 8, 19, 25, 32 and 43 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8, 13-21, 25-32 and 37-45 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,360,200 (hereinafter "Edler"), rejected claims 9-12 and 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Edler in view of U.S.